

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1115

By Harwell

A RESOLUTION to recognize Mary Frances Warren on the occasion of her retirement from the House Engrossing Clerk's Office.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this body should honor those valuable legislative employees who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of meritorious service to the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Mary Frances Warren is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for thirty-five years as an exemplary employee of the House Engrossing Clerk's Office under the direction of Betty Kaye Francis; and

WHEREAS, Frances will soon be taking a much deserved retirement after serving under two House Engrossing Clerks, Marilyn Evelyn Hand and the legendary Ms. Francis, and five Speakers of the House of Representatives, Ned McWherter, Ed Murray, Jimmy Naifeh, Kent Williams, and Beth Harwell; and

WHEREAS, Frances began her illustrious tenure with the House Engrossing Clerk's Office on February 7, 1977, as "a country girl come to town," and has since witnessed many changes in technology and some astounding legislative history, including President Reagan addressing the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, her many friends on Capitol Hill love Frances for her loyalty, honesty, dependability, and positive outlook; she always looks for the good in people and is usually not disappointed; and

WHEREAS, she is often known as "the nice lady" who helps members with their resolutions, but she is much more than that; and

WHEREAS, Frances is one of the four children born to Margaret Moore, who is now 90 years young, and she loves her church, her family, and her grandchildren absolutely; and

WHEREAS, Frances and her husband, Richard, own a farm and live in Hickman County, where they enjoy spending time with their children, Genia Harrington, Marty Warren and his wife, Stephanie, and Benny Warren and his wife, Stephanie, and their grandchildren, Bethany, Trent, Drue, Allie, Taylor, and Koop the dog; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Frances Warren has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and the leadership and members of the House of Representatives; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Mary Frances Warren our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors, and thank her for dedicated and efficient service to the House Engrossing Clerk's Office for the past thirty-five years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.